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FROM: USMLM BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: MLM 113, 181330Z JULY (ARMY MESSAGE).

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SENT CINCUSAREUR, CINCEUR, CGARMYSEVEN, AMEMB BONN, USNMR SHAPE
PARIS, DEPTAR WASHINGTON, G2 USAREUR, CAD USAREUR HEIDELBERG,
USCOB, USBER.

1. 1000 MAJ SMITH BRITMIS CALLED AND ASKED IF WE WERE
HAVING RIOT AT OUR MISSION HOUSE. HE STATED CROWDS AT BRITISH
HOUSE IN POTSDAM WERE THROWING ROCKS AND RIOTING. SIMULTANEOUS-
LY LT COL STAIGER REPORTED SGT HORST STATED BY PHONE LARGE
CROWD OF GERMANS WERE AT OUR HOUSE IN POTSDAM PUSHING THROUGH
THE GATES CHANTING AND THROWING ROCKS.

2. 1005 SERB WAS CALLED. ONLY LT ALMOV WAS PRESENT. HE WAS
INFORMED OF SITUATION AND IMMEDIATE HELP TO PROTECT MISSION
PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL WAS REQUESTED. HE SAID HE WOULD PASS
IT ON.

3. 1005 LT COL LOWE CAD WAS NOTIFIED OF THE RIOT, INFORMED
OF CALL TO SERB, THE RIOT AT BRITISH MISSION, AND MCQUAIL,
LT COL STAIGER, LCDR YATES, SGT ELY IN ONE AND CAPT MCKINNEY,
LT ZVETINA IN THE OTHER.

5. 1030 ARRIVED AT SERB, DUTY SERGEANT STATED NO OFFICER
PRESENT. WHEN QUERIED AS TO WHERE ALIMOV IS, HE STATED HE HAS
LEFT. SGT WAS TOLD GROUP IS GOING TO KOMMANDATURA, LEAVING
SERB FOR KOMMANDATURA. SR LT ALIMOV WAS NOTED WALKING TOWARD
SERB FROM KOMMANDATURA. ALIMOV STATED HE HAD INFORMED COL
SERGEYEV OF SITUATION AND HE (SERGEYEV) WAS AT KOMMANDATURA.
ARRIVING AT KOMMANDATURA AT 1035, COL MCQUAIL WAS USHERED
INTO COL AKCHURIN'S OFFICE AFTER A MINUTE'S WAIT. COL MCQUAIL
ASKED WHERE COL SERGEYEV WAS AND COL AKCHURIN STATED HE HAD
GONE TO "CITY". COL AKCHURIN APPARENTLY AWARE OF SITUATION
STATED HE HAD SENT POLICE OUT. IN COMMENT HE STATED I'LL

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HAVE TO COMPLAIN TO POLICE THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT SITUATION. COL MCQUAIL REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AND ASKED COL AKCHURIN TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO MISSION HOUSE. COL AKCHURIN DECLINED AND COL MCQUAIL ASKED FOR HIS DUTY OFFICER. HE SAID HE WOULD LET HIM GO. WHILE GETTING GEAR TOGETHER, COMMANDANT TOLD DUTY OFFICER HE DIDN'T NEED ANY PISTOL, BUT DUTY OFFICER TOOK IT ANYHOW.

6. TOUR LEFT KOMMANDATURA AT 1040 LED BY TWO DUTY OFFICERS IN POBEDA ARRIVING AT ENTRANCE TO MISSION ROAD AT 1045. ROADS IN THE AREA WERE JAMMED WITH 1000 OR MORE PEOPLE. OBSERVED PARKED ON THE ACCESS ROADS WERE AT LEAST 14 BUSES AND SIX TRUCKS WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BROUGHT THE DEMONSTRATORS. AS THE TWO MISSION CARS MOVED THRU CROWD LED BY THE POBEDA OCCUPIED BY THREE RUSSIANS, CROWD BECAME VIOLENT, SPIT ON CARS, CRIED PFUI, AND WHEN CARS WERE FORCED TO STOP THEY DESCENDED EN MASSE ON THE TWO CARS. THEY ATTEMPTED TO OVERTURN CARS, SMASHED CAR WINDOWS, AND WINDSHIELDS, HURLING INSULTS AND ROCKS AT THE OFFICERS. COL MCQUAIL ORDERED CARS TO MOVE FORWARD AS ROAD TO MISSION HOUSE WAS BLOCKED BY TRUCKS. VEHICLES PUSHED ASIDE CROWD. TO REMAIN STATIONARY WOULD HAVE BEEN DISASTEROUS. CHAIN AFTER CHAIN OF DEMONSTRATORS, ARMS LINKED, STOOD IN FRONT OF CARS AND THE CARS PUSHED THE CHAINS APART. THE SOVIET POBEDA HAD PULLED OFF TO SIDE OF ROAD. THE DUTY OFFICERS MADE NO OVERT EFFORT TO STOP DEMONSTRATORS. INSTEAD OF TURNING INTO MISSION ROAD WHICH WAS JAMMED WITH TRUCKS AND DEMONSTRATORS, COL MCQUAIL ORDERED CARS TO PROCEED TOWARD KRAMPNITZ. THE SOVIET CAR REMAINED BEHIND. ONE ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATOR STOOD IN MIDDLE OF ROAD, BARED CHEST TO ONCOMING MISSION VEHICLE AND JUMPED ONTO THE HOOD AND THENCE TO THE ROOF. HE SMASHED IN WINDSHIELD, TORE OFF WIPER, AND ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY WAS HE DISLODGED FROM HIS PERCH.

7. THE MISSION VEHICLES ARRIVED AT KRAMPNITZ HEAD-QUARTERS TENTH GUARDS TANK DIV AT 1055. COL MCQUAIL REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO DUTY OFFICER. COL MCQUAIL WAS NOT ALLOWED INSIDE. AT THIS TIME THE POBEDA WHICH HAD ESCORTED THE CARS FM POTSDAM TO MISSION HOUSE ARRIVED AND THE TWO SOVIET DUTY OFFICERS RAN INSIDE NOT STOPPING TO SAY A WORD. THE DUTY OFFICER CAME OUT AND COL MCQUAIL STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO USE THE PHONE. HE STATED HE WOULD TALK TO HIS COMMANDING OFFICER ABOUT IT. SHORTLY

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THEREAFTER TWO FULL COLONELS CAME OUT AND IN A CONVERSATION WITH COL MCQUAIL THEY INFORMED HIM COL AKCHURIN, POTSDAM KOMMANDANT, WAS ON HIS WAY OUT TO KRAMPNITZ. WHEN ASKED TO USE PHONE THEY DENIED THE REQUEST. THE TWO DUTY OFFICERS FM POTSDAM CAME OUT STATING THEY HAD TALKED TO COL AKCHURIN AND REPEATED THAT COL AKCHURIN HAD WARNED US NOT TO GO NEAR THE HOUSE UNTIL THE DEMONSTRATION WAS OVER AND COL AKCHURIN WAS ON WAY TO KRAMPNITZ AND WE SHOULD WAIT.

8. 1108 HR A SQUAD OF 12 ARTILLERY SOLDIERS SET UP LOCAL SECURITY AROUND ENTRANCE OF KRAMPNITZ. AT 1110, 1 OF THE FULL COLONELS OF THE INSTALLATION CAME OUT AND STATED WE ARE IN HIS PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND HE WOULD SEND US UNDER GUARD TO THE MISSION HOUSE. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE POTSDAM DUTY OFFICER WILL GO AND CHECK ON SITUATION AND WILL INFORM US IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES OF THE SITUATION AND IN THE MEANTIME WE SHOULD WAIT. COL MCQUAIL AGAIN REQUESTED USE OF PHONE TO CALL MISSION HOUSE AND WAS DENIED REQUEST.

9. AT ABOUT 1120 A TRUCK WITH LICENSE NR DF 47-74 PASSED WITH JEERING MALE DEMONSTRATORS. AMONG THE OCCUPANTS WAS THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN ON TOP OF THE SEDAN. HE WAS APPARENTLY IN GOOD HEALTH AND SHOUTED AS HE PASSED, "I HAVE YOUR WIND- SHIELD WIPER."

11. AM PREPARING REPORTS BY ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO WERE IN MISSION HOUSE. DAMAGE WAS MINOR. HOWEVER, GERMANS BROKE IN HOUSE AND WENT IN EVERY ROOM. BURNED US FLAGS AND HOISTED DIRTY RAG AND MOP TO FLAG POLES. DISFIGURED BUILDING AND CARS WITH WHITE PAINT, AND SLOGANS. AM TAKING PICTURES OF ALL DAMAGE AND SLOGANS. NEW FLAGS ORDERED AND WILL BE DISPLAYED ASAP.

12. HAD LUNCH SCHEDULED AT 1300 TODAY FOR TWO FRENCH, TWO BRITISH, COL SERGEYEV, CHIEF, SERB, AND COL AKCHURIN, KOMMANDANT, POTSDAM. PLAN TO CARRY THRU PLAN.

13. RECOMMEND PROTEST AGAINST INCIDENT. NOT RPT NOT ONLY WAS MISSION ATTACKED, BUT ALSO US OFFICERS, FLAG DESECRATED AND US

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AND US PERSONNEL INSULTED.

14. NO REPORT OF WHAT TOOK PLACE AT BRITISH MISSION
HOUSE IN POTSDAM. NOTHING FOLLOWS. SIGNED MCQUAIL.

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